

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. *(Currently Amended)* A method for reconciling financial transactions, comprising:

 transmitting a standardized template for entering financial data to a plurality of

 remote terminals, the standardized template operable on a plurality of

 operating systems;

 receiving remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the

 standardized template;

 matching the remote financial data to master financial data; data,

 wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format and at least one of

 the remote terminals stores remote financial data in a second format, and

 wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote

 financial data from the second format to the first format;

 identifying an un-reconciled amount based on said matching; and

 generating a report including the un-reconciled amount.
2. *(Original)* The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use

different operating systems.
3. *(Original)* The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use

different accounting software applications.
- 4-5. *(Canceled)*

6. (*Original*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

 updating a balance sheet based on the un-reconciled amount.
7. (*Original*) The method of claim 1, said remote financial data including a transaction involving an account, and said master financial data including a balance due for the account.
8. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 1, said standardized template comprising:

 an operating system and application independent format.
9. (*Original*) The method of claim 1, said receiving further comprising:

 scheduling a time for said receiving with the remote terminals.
10. (*Canceled*)
11. (*Original*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

 transmitting, to the remote terminals, a plurality of functions for generating

 customized templates for entering financial data.
12. (*Original*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

 maintaining identification data of users authorized to enter the remote

 financial data.

13. *(Previously Presented)* A method for reconciling financial accounts, comprising:
 - receiving transaction data from a remote terminal via a standardized template,
 - the transaction data stored in a first format by the remote terminal and
 - converted to a standardized format by the standardized template;
 - reconciling a financial account corresponding to the transaction using master
 - financial data stored in the standardized format;
 - identifying an un-reconciled amount corresponding to the transaction based on
 - said reconciling; and
 - reporting the un-reconciled amount to the remote terminal.
14. *(Original)* The method of claim 13, said receiving further comprising:
 - receiving the transaction data at a scheduled time.
15. *(Original)* The method of claim 13, further comprising:
 - receiving the transaction data during a time of the transaction.
16. *(Original)* A method for reconciling account and transaction data, comprising:
 - storing transaction data in a first format;
 - converting the stored transaction data to a second format using a standardized
 - template, the standardized template operable on a plurality of operating
 - systems and operable to retrieve stored transaction data from a plurality of
 - accounting software applications;

transmitting the converted transaction data in the second format to a
reconciliation system; and
receiving a reconciliation report from the reconciliation system in response to
said transmitting.

17. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for directing a processor to reconcile financial data, comprising:

a template component for providing a standardized template for entering
transaction and account data;

a master component for storing master financial data for a plurality of
accounts;

a capture component for receiving and storing account and transaction data via
the standardized template from a plurality of remote terminals, the
transaction data stored in a first format by at least one of the plurality of
remote terminals and converted to a standardized format by the
standardized template;

a matching component for matching the account and transaction data with the
master financial data;

a clearance component for identifying un-reconciled accounts and transactions
based on the account and transaction data; and

an account component for reporting the account and transaction data.

18. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a schedule component for scheduling reconciliations with the remote terminals.

19. (*Canceled*)

20. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, the template component further comprising:

a plurality of functions for generating customized templates.

21. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a user maintenance component for maintaining identification data of authorized users.

22. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a review component for reviewing uploaded account and transaction data.

23. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a login component for recognizing a user.

24. *(Previously Presented)* The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein each of said components comprise programming instructions that may be implemented by a plurality of computer operating systems.

25. *(Previously Presented)* The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein each of said components comprise operating system and application independent programming instructions.